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WOODWARD IN 1860 & 1863.

Democratic papers have uniformly denied that it was correctly quoted when its sentiments did not seem to suit the popular taste of the day. But all doubt on this head has been at last removed, for the Democratic State Central Committee have recently published the speech, and formally adopted its sentiments. This proceeding thus endorses the doctrines of that speech, and by the popular verdict on those doctrines its author must stand or fall. They are not merely the opinions of December 1860, but of October 1863. Now look at some of the atrocious doctrines of that speech, as revised and approved by the State Committee.

1. The Falseness of its Statements in regard to the Abolition of Slavery by the North.

On page 9, Judge Woodward says: "The Northern States sold out Slavery to the South, and they received a full equivalent." And again on page 10: "Do you not see how good it was to hand over our slaves to our friends in the South? We consigned them to no heathen thrall, but to Christian men," &c. &c. And yet, in Purdon's Digest, page 610, edition of 1856, a book which should be more frequently in Judge Woodward's hands than any in his library, we find the Act of Assembly of 29th March, 1788, third section, enacting as follows: "No negro or mulatto slave shall be removed out of the State with the design or intention that the place of abode or residence of such slave shall be thereby altered or changed. * * * And if any person or persons whatsoever shall sell or dispose of any such slave or servant to any person out of this State, or shall send or carry, or cause to be sent or carried, any such

slave or servant out of this State for any of the purposes aforesaid, &c., he shall forfeit and pay in each case the sum of seventy-five pounds."

So much for Judge Woodward's truthfulness, or for his knowledge of the law. His friends are welcome to either horn of the dilemma. This infamous calumny on the Northern people has been reiterated by the great model of Judge Woodward, Jefferson Davis, who had the hardihood to assert in his inaugural message that the North had sold Slavery to the South, and were now engaged in impeaching a title for which a large price had been paid.

2. Judge Woodward's Bible Views of Slavery.

On page 10, he tells us, that "whoever will study the Patriarchal and Levitical institutions, will see the principle of human bondage, and of property in man *divinely sanctioned if not divinely ordained.*"

This is not the place to discuss the alleged sanction of Slavery by the Bible, but since December, 1860, it may be well to remember, that there have been held many Conventions of the Representatives of the Great Religious Denominations of the Country,—Baptist, Methodist, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Congregationalist, and others too numerous to mention, and that with one voice the learned Clergy in all these bodies,—who certainly ought to know as much about the "Patriarchal and Levitical institutions" as Judge Woodward,—have condemned the system of Slavery as wholly unsupported by anything in the Bible, either Old or New Testament. This voice of the "universal moral conscience" is unheeded by Judge Woodward and his friends.

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